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USDA Interagency Coordination of Forestry Programs

Farm and other nonindustrial private ownerships include about three-fifths of the commercial forest lands in the United States. These lands produce a large share of the Nation's timber, provide habitat for wildlife, are important watersheds, provide forage for livestock, and provide recreational opportunities for many more people than the four million landowners. How these lands and resources are managed has important implications for meeting future economic, social, and environmental needs of the Nation's people. There is a clear mandate in legislative actions spanning 100 years for USDA assistance to private landowners in the conservation and management of these lands and resources. USDA agencies and their State and local agency cooperators have an unparalleled delivery system reaching into every county in the United States.

The purpose of this memorandum is to further USDA interagency coordination in forestry planning and to more effectively formulate budget proposals and define agency roles and the delivery programs to the various clientele. Many strengths are evident, and many opportunities exist for increased interagency coordination and cooperation. Strengthened educational programs, technical assistance, and incentives are needed. Coordinated program and budget planning is needed at the Federal and State level to assure a well-balanced, mutually supported mix of agency programs and activities.

USDA Interagency Agreement on Forestry

There is need for a widely based, effective coordinating mechanism for USDA and our cooperators at the national and State levels. In 1966 a benchmark "Tripartite Agreement" was negotiated to set forth the Forest Service, Extension Service, and Soil Conservation Service agency roles in forestry. This established the USDA Forestry Planning Committee at the national level and encouraged the establishment of State Forestry Planning Committees chaired by the State Foresters. In 1974 the agreement was updated. The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service has since been added, and Farmers Home Administration and Cooperative State Research Service have recently participated at the national level.

I am directing the USDA Forestry Planning Committee to develop an interagency agreement on Forestry. Heads of cooperating organizations will be invited to formally concur in the agreement. These are Chairman, Extension Committee on Policy; President, National Association of State Foresters; President, Association of State College and University Forestry Research Organization; President, National Association of Farmer Elected Committeemen, President National Association of Conservation Districts.

USDA Coordination at the National Level

The membership of the USDA Forestry Planning Committee will include representatives of the following agencies:

Forest Service, Chairman
Soil Conservation Service
Science and Education Administration
Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service
Farmers Home Administration

The Committee will report to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education. He will consult with the Assistant Secretaries for International Affairs and Commodity Programs and for Rural Development on all appropriate matters.

Coordination at the State Level

I am directing the heads of the member agencies to promote and help establish an effective forestry committee or other mechanism in each State. The purpose is to coordinate forestry planning, budget proposals, agency roles in education, technical assistance, technology transfer, incentives, etc. The committee should include as a minimum the State heads or representatives of the USDA agencies and their primary State-level cooperators, including university and research interests. Other State and local interests should be involved at the discretion of the committee. Some States may choose to have major policy meetings of all interested parties as needed, on a formal or informal basis, to help guide a smaller "core" committee.

USDA Cooperative Forestry Programs

In his Environmental Message of May 23, 1977, President Carter directed the Secretary of Agriculture to undertake a comprehensive study of the Cooperative Forestry Programs.

On September 13, the report entitled "The Federal Role in the Conservation and Management of Private Nonindustrial Forest Lands" was sent to the President. This report provides an outstanding opportunity for major, coordinated public and private initiatives aimed at the nonindustrial private forests. I am directing the USDA Forestry Planning Committee to follow up with more specific program proposals and initiatives.

It is my intent and expectation that the USDA agencies concerned will provide leadership and action to support the efforts of State and local cooperators, forest landowners, and others to improve the protection, management, productivity, and use of America's nonindustrial private forest lands.

Secretary of Agriculture

TO: All Line & Staff Officers, FS, SCS, SEA
ASCS and FmHA

USDA Interagency Agreement on Forestry

This memorandum supersedes the ES, SCS, FS tripartite memorandum of October 6, 1966 that was revised on February 11, 1974. The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Farmers Home Administration and the Science and Education Administration (SEA) have been added as signatories. The latter includes activities formerly handled by ES and CSRS. Formal concurrence is being sought from cooperating organizations.

Each of the signatory agencies have statutory and delegated authorities bearing on the subject. (Sections 2.57, 2.60, 2.62, 2.65, 2.70 Subtitle A, Title VII of the Code of Federal Regulations are attached for reference.) Other memoranda and agreements are relevant; such as the April 15, 1968 Memorandum of Understanding on river basin planning.

I. Purpose

This agreement is intended to further clarify responsibilities of the USDA agencies with respect to the protection, development, management, and utilization of the Nation's privately owned forest resources, urban forestry; wood processing and utilization; technology transfer; incentives and related activities. It is also intended to foster a high level of cooperation and coordination among the agencies and their cooperators at National, State and local levels.

II. Objectives

The specific objectives of this agreement are:

1. To identify, prescribe and implement an optimum mix of education, technical services, and incentives in forestry programs and activities. This is to be based on the specific needs of the situation and the strengths, capabilities and competencies of the various agencies and organizations involved.

2. To develop mutually supported working relationships that provide a visible, effective and persuasive demonstration of interagency coordination and cooperation at the National, State and local levels.

3. To support and strengthen State and local agencies in their efforts to achieve viable and productive roles in forestry activities.

4. To emphasize the importance of multi-purpose management of forest and related resources -- specifically, recognizing the non-commodity benefits as well as timber production goals.

5. To design and build an extension component into all relevant forestry activities and programs--at the formative stage of new efforts, and through modification of on-going or expanding programs as appropriate.

III. Technology Transfer

Technology transfer has two primary and essential components - "education" and "service". The following will guide agency personnel in technology transfer activities:

1. SEA has the lead role in the "education" component and has group audiences as the primary target and clientele. Whenever feasible, extension professionals should be offered a lead role in handling proposed group meetings of an educational nature.

2. Forest Service in cooperation with State Foresters and Soil Conservation Service in cooperation with Conservation Districts have the lead role in the "service" component and have one-on-one, on-site situations as their primary targets and clientele. Forest Service in cooperation with State Foresters are responsible for forestry plans, recommendations and technical assistance, etc. SCS in cooperation with Conservation Districts are responsible for soil mapping and soil-related forest management interpretation, technical assistance in-land-use decision-making and on-site resource planning assistance.

3. Educational efforts by FS, State Foresters, SCS, Conservation Districts and ASCS will be appropriate and needed in some one-on-one, on-site situations for example, when a SCS resource planner or State CFM forester meets with a landowner on his property to determine the owner's objectives, explain opportunities, and review alternatives. ASCS will provide information to landowners who request cost-sharing assistance and will refer them to the appropriate technical agency for technical assistance.

4. Similarly, extension professionals will provide some one-on-one, on-site "service" activities needed to meet certain demonstration or similar opportunities.

5. In many group meetings of a forestry education nature, it is necessary, desirable and appropriate to involve qualified specialists from all agencies and sources--for example, as instructors, discussion leaders, or resource people.

6. Extension and forestry school professionals should strengthen continuing forestry education efforts directed toward graduate foresters and other professionals. They should also help instruct county agents, district conservationists, ASCS and FmHA field personnel and others concerning forestry programs, sources of assistance, etc.

7. USDA education, technical services and incentive programs should be targeted as much as possible toward the most productive and significant non-industrial private forest lands--on a cost-effective basis. For example, wider use should be made of soil surveys and similar tools.

8. In many situations, a multiple-agency approach is needed to strengthen program performance. For example, in providing feedback to researchers all agencies have a share of the responsibility. Technology transfer should be strengthened through closer links between researchers and action programs.

9. Urban forestry presents a special technology transfer challenge for USDA agencies and their cooperators. Education, technical services and the necessary underlying research efforts should be provided in the context of existing urban forestry programs, laws and working arrangements that have been established in many States, cities and communities. Items 1-6 above apply to technology transfer in urban forestry. More specific agency roles are:

a. SEA offers educational programs in forestry, home horticulture, soils, entomology, pathology, landscape architecture, tree selection and care, environmental protection and other related subjects. Audiences include municipal officials and professionals, homeowners, the horticulture industry, landscape contractors and others involved in urban forestry work and tree problems.

b. FS in cooperation with State Foresters offer urban forestry technical assistance or services such as planning; landscape architecture;insect and disease management; planting, maintenance and care of trees and shrubs; environmental enhancement of open space and forested areas; environmental education and utilization of urban wood waste.

c. SCS in cooperation with Conservation Districts provide technical assistance on erosion control planning, water management, use of plant materials for environmental protection and enhancement, soil maps and intepretations, and environmental education assistance.

Rapidly growing interest in urban forestry, together with many existing urban forestry programs and interagency arrangements of long standing require USDA agency coordination that is tailored to fit a variety of situations.

IV Incentives

In addition to education and technical services, USDA provides financial assistance or economic incentives to achieve forestry objectives through ASCS, FmHA, and SCS programs. Cost-sharing forestry practices on non-industrial private forest lands is a major incentive of long standing. Loan programs and forest crop insurance have high potential but are not operational now at a meaningful level. The following will guide agency personnel in their activities relating to such incentives:

1. The education and information activities of USDA agencies will support the ACP, FIP and other ASCS programs of cost-sharing that are relevant to forestry.

2. The technical services programs of the FS/State Foresters will provide prompt and adequate technical support of the ACP and FIP programs in a manner fully coordinated with other related activities such as CFM assistance to forest landowners.

3. SCS personnel will encourage district cooperators to effectively use ACP forestry practices and FIP practices as appropriate.

4. All agency personnel will encourage the development and use of cost-effective loan, insurance or other financial incentive programs that may further encourage landowners to better manage their forest resources.

V. State Level Coordination

The great variation among States must be recognized. State laws and regulations, the evolution of various on-going programs and activities, existing working relationships and assignments, differing organizational patterns among State agencies, widely differing agency capabilities, natural resource situations and program needs--all combine to create uniquely different situations that require State level determination.

Primary responsibility for inter-agency coordination of education, service, incentives and related activities resides at the State level. This should be accomplished through a State forestry committee.

Agency personnel should take actions to assure:

1. That a State forestry committee is formally established including appropriate State agencies, USDA agency representation and their cooperators, University, research,industry, wildlife, and other interests should be involved (see item 3). Some States may choose to have a once-a-year major policy meeting of all interested parties to help guide the smaller "core" committee during the year. Suggested activities of the committee include:

    a. Review the forestry situation; identify forestry needs; decide how best to use the resources and authorities of each agency to meet those needs; propose and implement necessary actions.

    b. Coordinate program and budget planning to assure a well-balanced, mutually supported mix of agency programs and activities.

    c. Monitor progress of agency programs toward established goals and targets; emphasize coordination of efforts; revise targets or develop new initiatives to meet emerging needs.

    d. Strengthen application of research results through coordinated development of technical materials, publications and other approaches.

2. That the State forestry agency, in most instances, provides leadership in achieving inter-agency coordination and cooperation. However, State Forester chairmanship of the committee should not be mandatory. If the State Forester cannot or does not choose to provide that leadership an alternative arrangement should be made.

3. That there is effective involvement and coordination between forestry research and action program agencies at the State level. Forestry school, FS Research and the Administrative-Technical representative and/or forestry representative of schools participating in the McIntire-Stennis Program should be represented on the State forestry committee. This would complement on-going regional and national research planning efforts.

4. That emphasis is given to coordination of forestry programs at the sub-State, county, or local levels as well as on a State-wide basis.

VI National Coordination

The USDA Forestry Planning Committee is the primary coordinating mechanism for education, service, incentives and related programs at the National level. Members represent each of the agencies including a Forest Service chairman. The Committee meets at least twice a year or at the request of any member. Functions of the committee include:

1. Monitoring the forestry situation nationally, and the progress of USDA programs and activities affecting forestry.

2. Identifying and coordinating the forestry roles of member agencies based on existing authorities and programs.

3. Proposing new authorities and funding needed to accomplish Departmental objectives. For example, the Committee develops analyses and coordinated budget recommendations for consideration by the respective agency administrators and the Department.

4. Encouraging States to achieve effective program planning and coordination and to introduce national and regional concerns into State decision-making.

5. Assuring that the responsibilities of each agency will be recognized and given positive support by the others to achieve a cohesive Departmental approach. For example:

   a. Technical assistance to landowners and others from USDA agencies and the State forestry agency will be emphasized in the public information programs of all member agencies.

   b. Information activities of the other agencies will be coordinated with the educational activities of SEA.

   c. Conservation districts will be involved in forestry program development and implementation at the local level.

   d. County and State ASC Committees will be encouraged to take action resulting in forestry cost-sharing activities that are attuned to local, State and national needs.

   e. All available forestry-related surveys, plans and reports such as State forestry plans, the National Cooperative Soil Survey, River Basin Reports, Small Watershed plans, Forest Survey and inventories will be used as a basis for program planning and implementation on a multi-agency basis.

f. To the extent possible a common action plan will be developed with each cooperator to make effective multiple use of his forests and related resources with appropriate inputs from private as well as USDA or other governmental sources.

This agreement shall remain in effect until cancelled or modified by the parties in writing. It may be amended or supplemented to include agreement by other agencies or groups as appropriate.

Approved

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2.57 Director of Science and Education.

(a) Delegations. Pursuant to 2.19(a), subject to reservations in 2.20(a), the following delegation of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education to the Director of Science and Education:

(1) Provide national leadership and coordination for agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences (includes human nutrition, home economics, consumer services, family life, rural and community development, agricultural energy, agricultural economics, environmental quality, natural and renewable resources, forestry, range management, animal and plant production and protection, aquaculture, and the processing, distribution, marketing, and utilization of food and agricultural products) conducted or financed by the Department of Agriculture and to the maximum extent practicable, by other Federal departments and agencies pursuant to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3121).

(2) Administer a cooperative agricultural extension program related to agriculture, uses of solar energy with respect to agriculture and home economics under the Smith-Lever Act as amended (7 U.S.C. 341-349).

(3) Cooperate with the States for the purpose of encouraging and assisting them in carrying out research related to the problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects under the Hatch Act as amended (7 U.S.C. 361a-361i).

(4) Support agricultural research at eligible institutions in any State through Federal-grant funds to help finance physical facilities (7 U.S.C. 390-390k).

(5) Conduct research concerning domestic animals and poultry, their protection and use, causes of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases and means for the prevention and cure of the same (7 U.S.C. 391).

(6) Conduct research related to the dairy industry and dissemination of information for the promotion of the dairy industry (7 U.S.C. 402).

(7) Conduct research and demonstrations at Mandan, N. Dak., and Lewisburg, Tenn., concerning dairy livestock breeding, growing, and feeding, and other problems pertaining to the establishment of dairy and livestock industries (7 U.S.C. 421-422).

(8) Conduct research on new uses for cotton and on cotton ginning and processing (7 U.S.C. 423-424).

(9) Conduct research into the basic problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects, including, but not limited to, production, marketing (other than statistical and economic research but including consumer and food economic research), distribution, processing, utilization of plant and animal commodities, problems of human nutrition, development of markets for agricultural commodities, discovery, introduction, and breeding of new crops, plants, and animals both foreign and native; conservation development, and development of efficient use of farm buildings, homes, and farm machinery, including the application of electricity and other forms of power and research and development related to uses of solar energy with respect to farm buildings, farm homes, and farm machinery (7 U.S.C. 427, 2201, 2204).

(10) Conduct research on varietal improvement of wheat and feed grain to enhance their conservation and environmental qualities (7 U.S.C. 428b).

(11) Administer a program for the improvement of poultry, poultry products, and hatcheries (7 U.S.C. 429).

(12) Advance the livestock and agricultural interests of the United States including the breeding of horses suited to the needs of the United States (7 U.S.C. 437).

(13) Enter into agreements with and receive funds from any State or political subdivision, organization, or person for the purpose of conducting cooperative research projects (7 U.S.C. 450a).

(14) Administer a program of competitive, special, and facilities grants to State agricultural experiment stations, colleges and universities, other research institutions and organizations, Federal agencies, private organizations or corporations and individuals to promote research in food, agricultural and related areas (7 U.S.C. 450i).

(15) Conduct research related to soil and water conservation, engineering operations and methods of cultivation to provide for the control and prevention of soil erosion (7 U.S.C. 1010. 16 U.S.C. 590a).

(16) Maintain four regional research laboratories and conduct research at such laboratories to develop new scientific, chemical, and technical uses and new and extended markets and outlets for farm commodities and products and byproducts (7 U.S.C. 1292).

(17) Conduct a special cotton research program designed to reduce the cost of producing upland cotton in the United States (7 U.S.C. 1441-note).

(18) Conduct research, educational, and demonstration work related to the distribution and marketing of agricultural products under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627).

(19) Administer and coordinate a foreign contracts and grants program of market development research in the physical and biological sciences under section 104(b)(1) of the Agricultural Trade, Development, and Assistance Act of 1954, but excluding agricultural economics research; and administer and coordinate a foreign contracts and grants program of agricultural and forestry research under section 104(b)(3) of such act (7 U.S.C. 1704(b), (1), (3)).

(20) Conduct research in tropical and subtropical agriculture for the improvement and development of tropical and subtropical food products for dissemination and cultivation in friendly countries as provided by the Food for Peace Act of 1966 (7 U.S.C. 1736(a)(4)).

(21) Conduct research to develop and determine methods of humane slaughter of livestock (7 U.S.C. 1904).

(22) Accept gifts and order disbursements from the Treasury for the benefit of the National Agricultural Library or for carrying out any of its functions (7 U.S.C. 2264-2265).

(23) Administer in cooperation with the States a cooperative rural development and small farm research and extension program under the Rural Development Act of 1972 as amended (7 U.S.C. 2661-2670).

(24) Administer a cooperative extension program under the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 (7 U.S.C. 3004).

(25) Conduct a program of grants to States to establish or expand schools of veterinary medicine (7 U.S.C. 3151).

(26) Conduct a program of (i) competitive grants to colleges and universities and (ii) predoctoral and postdoctoral fellowships, to further education in the food and agricultural sciences (7 U.S.C. 3152).

(27) Administer the National Agricultural Research Award for research or advanced studies in the food and agricultural sciences (7 U.S.C. 3153).

(28) Make grants to colleges and universities for research on the production and marketing of alcohols and industrial hydrocarbons from agricultural commodities and forest products and agricultural chemicals and other products from coal derivatives (7 U.S.C. 3154).

(29) Administer a national food and human nutrition research and extension program under the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3171-3177).

(30) Administer an animal health and disease research program under the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3191-3193, 3195-3201).

(31) Support continuing agricultural and forestry extension and research at 1890 land-grant colleges including Tuskegee Institute (7 U.S.C. 3221, 3222).

(32) Administer in relation to uses of solar energy (i) a competitive research grants program, (ii) a solar energy research information system, (iii) a cooperative program with the States on model farms and demonstration projects, and (iv) a program of research, extension, and demonstration at regional solar energy research and development centers (7 U.S.C. 3241, 3251, 3261-3263, 3271, 3281-3282).

(33) Cooperate and work with national and international institutions and other persons throughout the world in the performance of agricultural research and extension activities (7 U.S.C. 3291).

(34) Conduct educational and demonstration work in cooperative farm forestry program (16 U.S.C. 568).

(35) Cooperate with the States for the purpose of encouraging and assisting them in carrying out programs of forestry research (16 U.S.C. 582a-582a-7).

(36) Authorize the use of the 4-H Club name and emblem (18 U.S.C. 707).

(37) Maintain a National Arboretum for purpose of research and education concerning tree and plant life; accept and administer gifts or devises of real and personal property for the benefit of the National Arboretum; and order disbursements from the Treasury (20 U.S.C. 191-195).

(38) Conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease and other animal diseases (21 U.S.C. 113a).

(39) Conduct research on control and eradication of cattle grubs (screw-worms) (21 U.S.C. 144e).

(40) Conduct research, demonstration, and promotion activities related to farm dwellings and other buildings for the purpose of reducing costs and adapting and developing fixtures and appurtenances for more efficient and economical farm use (42 U.S.C. 1476(b)).

(41) Make grants for the support of basic scientific research at nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is the conduct of scientific research (42 U.S.C. 1891).

(42) Conduct research on losses of livestock in interstate commerce due to injury or disease (45 U.S.C. 71 note).

(43) Administer the Virgin Islands agricultural research program (48 U.S.C. 1409m-0).

(44) Conduct research related to the use of domestic agricultural commodities for the manufacture of any material determined to be strategic and critical or substitute therefor, under section 7(b) of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98f).

(45) Administer a cooperative agricultural extension program related to agriculture, uses of solar energy with respect to agriculture and home economics in the District of Columbia (D.C. Code Section 31-1719).

(46) Provide leadership and direct assistance to the Cooperative Extension Service in planning, conducting, and evaluating extension programs under a memorandum of agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs dated May 1956.

(47) Exercise responsibilities of the Secretary under regulations dealing with Equal Employment Opportunity in the Cooperative Extension Service (pt. 18 of this subtitle).

(48) Represent the Department on the Federal Interagency Council on Education.

(49) Develop and maintain library and information systems and networks and facilitate cooperation and coordination for the agricultural libraries of colleges, universities, Department of Agriculture, and their closely allied information gathering and dissemination units in close conjunction with private industry and other research libraries (7 U.S.C. 2201, 2203, 3126).

(50) Assure the acquisition, preservation and accessibility of all information concerning food and agriculture by providing leadership to and coordination of the acquisition programs and related activities of the library and information system, and the agencies of USDA, other Federal departments and agencies, State agricultural experiment stations, colleges and universities, and other research institutions and organizations.

(51) Formulate, write an/or prescribe bibliographic and technically related standards for the library and information services of USDA.

(52) Determine by survey and other appropriate means the information needs of the Department's scientific, professional, technical and administrative staffs, its constituencies and the general public in the areas of food, agriculture, the environment, and solar energy.

(53) Represent the Department on all library and information science matters before Congressional Committees and appropriate commissions, and provide representation to the coordinating committees of the Federal and State governments concerned with library and infomation science activities.

(54) Represent the Department in international organizational activities and on international technical committees concerned with library and information science activities.

(55) Prepare and disseminate computer bibiliographic files, indexes and abstracts, bibliographies, reviews, and other analytical information tools.

(56) Copy and deliver on demand selected articles and other materials from its collections by photographic reproduction or other means within the permissions, constraints and limitations of Sections 106, 107, and 108 of the Copyright Act of October 19, 1976 (Title 17, U.S. Code).

(57) Arrange for the consolidated purchasing and dissemination of indexes, abstracts, journals and other widely used information publications and services.

(58) Provide assistance and support to professional organizations concerned with library and information science matters and issues.

(59) Pursuant to authority delegated by the Administrator of the General Services Administration to the Secretary of Agriculture in 34 FR 6406, 36 FR 1293, 36 FR 18440, and 38 FR 23838, appoint uniformed armed guards as special policemen, make all needful rules and regulations, and annex to such rules and regulations such reasonable penalties, (not to exceed those prescribed in 40 (U.S.C. 318c)), as will ensure their enforcement, for the protection of persons, property, buildings, and grounds of the Arboretum, Washington, D.C.; the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Nebr.; the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md.; and the Animal Disease Center, Plum Island, N.Y., over which the United States has exclusive or concurrent criminal jurisdiction, in accordance with the limitations and requirements of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377) as amended, the Act of June 1, 1948 (62 Stat. 181), as amended, and policies, procedures and controls prescribed by the General Services Administration. Any rules or regulations promulgated under this authority shall be approved by the Director of the Office of Operations and Finance and the General Counsel prior to issuance.

(60) Control within the Department of Agriculture of the acquisition, use and disposal of material and equipment which may be a source of ionizing radiation hazard.

(61) Administer teaching funds authorized under section 22 of the Bankhead Jones Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 329).

(62) Administer science and education programs assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.), and the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2251 et seq.).

2.60 Chief, Forest Service.

(a) Delegations. Pursuant to 2.19(d), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education to the Chief of the Forest Service:

(1) Provide national leadership in forestry. (As used here and elsewhere in this section the term "forestry" encompasses the tangible physical resources such as forests, forest-related rangeland, grassland, brushland, woodland, alpine areas, minerals, water areas, wildlife habitat, and less tangible forest-related values such as outdoor recreation, wilderness, scenery, air and water quality, economic strength, and social well-being.)

(2) Protect, manage, and administer the national forest, national forest purchase units, national grasslands, and other lands and interests in lands administered by the Forest Service, which collectively are hereby designated as the National Forest System, including the acquisition and disposition of lands and interests in lands as may be required in these programs.

(3) Conduct research programs to provide fundamental knowledge and technology, for improved policy decisions and professional management of forest and range ecosystems; increased efficiency in timber production; forest soils ad watersheds; range, wildlife, and fish habitat management; forest recreation; environmental forestry; forest fire; forest insects; forest diseases; forest products utilization; forest engineering; forest resource surveys; forest products marketing; and forest economics.

(4) Administer the programs of cooperation in the protection, planning, development, conservations, multiple-purpose management, and utilization of forest and related resources.

(5) Administer forest insect, disease, and other pest control and eradication programs.

(6) Administer programs under section 23 of the Federal Highway Act (23 U.S.C. 101(a), 202(b), 204(a)-(e), 205(a)-(d), 317).

(7) Exercise the custodianship of lands and interests in lands under lease or contract of sale to States and local agencies pursuant to title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010-1012).

(8) Administer, under such general program criteria and procedures as may be established by the Soil Conservation Service, the forestry aspects of subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subparagraph on the National Forest System and rangelands within national forest boundaries and adjacent rangelands which are administered under formal agreement and other forest lands.

(i) Cooperative river basin surveys and investigations program (16 U.S.C. 1006).

(ii) Eleven authorized watershed improvement programs and emergency flood prevention measures program under the Flood Control Act (33 U.S.C. 701b-1).

(iii) Small watershed protection program under the Pilot Watershed Protection and Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Acts (67 Stat. 214 and 16 U.S.C. 1001-1009).

(9) Provide assistance to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in connection with the rural environmental assistance program, the naval stores conservation program, and the cropland conversion program, authorized by sections 7-17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590g-590q).

(10) Coordinate mapping work of the Department, including: (i) Clearing mapping projects to prevent duplication; (ii) keeping a record of mapping done by department agencies; (iii) preparing and submitting required departmental reports; (iv) serving as liaison on mapping with the Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, and other departments and establishments; (v) promoting interchange of technical information, including techniques which may reduce costs or improve quality; and (vi) maintenance of the mapping records formerly maintained by the Office of Plant and Operations.

(11) Enter into research agreements (grants, contracts, agreements, and cooperative aid) under the provisions of 7 U.S.C. 450i; 42 U.S.C. 1891-1893; and 16 U.S.C. 581; 7 U.S.C. 427i(a); and 7 U.S.C. 1624, for the support of applied and/or basic scientific research in forestry activities.

(12) Provide assistance to the Farmers Home Administration in connection with grants and loans under authority of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S.C. 1923; and consultation with the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the authority of 40 U.S.C. 461(e).

(13) Exercise responsibility, under such general program criteria and procedures as may be established by the Soil Conservation Service in connection with the forestry aspects of the resource conservation and development program authorized by title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011(e)).

(14) Administer the radiofrequency licensing work of the Department, including: (i) Representing the Department on the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee and its Frequency Assignment Subcommittee, in the office of the Director of Telecommunications Management; (ii) establishing policies, standards, and procedures for allotting and assigning frequencies within the Department and for obtaining effective utilization of them; (iii) providing licensing action necessary to assign radiofrequencies for use by the agencies of the Department and maintenance of the records necessary in connection therewith; and (iv) providing inspection of the Department's radio operations to insure compliance with national and international regulations and policies for radiofrequency use.

(15) Administer the Youth Conservation Corps Act (42 U.S.C. Preceed 2711 Note) for the Department of Agriculture.

(16) Establish and operate the Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers on national forest lands as authorized by title I, sections 106 and 107 of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2716-2717), in accordance with the terms of an agreement dated May 11, 1967, between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Labor; and administration of other cooperative manpower training and work experience programs where the Forest Service serves as host or prime sponsor with other Departments of Federal, State, or local governments.

(17) Administer the Volunteers in the National Forest Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 558a-558d, 558a note).

(18) Provide wildfire protection assistance.

(19) Administer the program for assistance to eligible Volunteer fire departments as authorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(13)).

(20) Administer responsibilities and functions assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.), and the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2251 et seq.), relating to forests and forest products, rural fire defense, and forestry research.

(b) Reservations. The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Conservation, Research, and Education.

(1) The authority to issue regulations.

(2) The authority as a member of the National Forest Reservation Commission (16 U.S.C. 513).

(3) The making of recommendations to the President with respect to the transfer of lands pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 32 of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011(a)).

(4) Making recommendations to the President for the establishing of national forest or parts thereof under the provisions of section 9 of the act of June 7, 1924 (16 U.S.C. 471).

(5) Giving final approval and submitting to the Congress the results of preliminary examinations and survey reports under the Flood Control Act of 1936, as amended and supplemented (33 U.S.C. 701a et seq.).

(6) Approving requests for apportionment of reserves pursuant to section 3679, Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U.S.C. 665), for forest pest control.

(7) Making recommendations to the President for the establishing of or adding to National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (16 U.S.C. 1271-1278); National Scenic Trails System (16 U.S.C. 1241-1249); and the National Wilderness Preservation System (16 U.S.C. 1131-1136).

(8) Signing of declarations of taking and requests for condemnation. [38 FR 14949, June 7, 1973, as amended at 39 FR 16470, May 9, 1974; 40 FR 33025, Aug. 6, 1975]

2.62 Administrator, Soil Conservation Service.

(a) Delegations. Pursuant to 2.19(f), subject to reservations in 2.20(f) the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education to the Administrator, Soil Conservation Service:

(1) Provide national leadership in the conservation, development, and productive use of the Nation's soil, water, and related resources. Such leadership encompasses soil, water, plant, and wildlife conservation; small watershed protection and flood prevention; and resource conservation and development. Intergrated in these programs are erosion control, sediment reduction, pollution abatement, land use planning, multiple use, improvement of water quality, and several surveying and monitoring activities related to environmental improvement. All are designed to assure (i) quality in the natural resource base for sustained use; (ii) quality in the environment to provide attractive, convenient, and satisfying places to live, work and play; and (iii) quality in the standard of living based on community improvement and adequate income.

(2) Participate in evaluating and coordinating land use policy.

(3) Administer the basic program of soil and water conservation under Public Law 46, 74th Congress, as amended and related laws (16 U.S.C. 590 a-f, i-1, q, q-1; 42 U.S.C. 3271-3274; 7 U.S.C. 2201), including:

(i) Technical assistance to land users in carrying out locally adapted soil and water conservation programs primarily through the conservation districts in the 50 States, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands, but also to communities, watershed groups, Federal and State agencies, and other cooperators including such assistance as:

(a) Comprehensive planning assistance in nonmetropolitan districts.

(b) Assistance in the field of income-producing recreation on rural non-Federal lands.

(c) Forestry assistance, as a part of total technical assistance to private land owners and land users when such services are an integral part of land management and such services are not available from a State agency; and forestry services in connection with windbreaks and shelter belts to prevent wind and water erosion of lands.

(d) Assistance in developing programs relating to natural beauty.

(e) Assistance to other Department agencies in connection with the administration of their program, as follows:

(1) Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in the development and technical servicing of certain programs such as the rural environmental assistance program, water bank program, Appalachian regional development program and other such similar conservation programs.

(2) Farmers Home Administration in connection with their loan programs.

(ii) Soil surveys, including:

(a) Providing leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey which includes conducting and publishing of soil surveys.

(b) Conducting soil surveys for resource planning and development.

(c) Performing the cartographic services essential to carrying out the functions of the Soil Conservation Service, including furnishing photographs, mosaics, and maps.

(iii) Conducting and coordinating snow surveys and making water supply forecasts pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1940 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(iv) Operating plant materials centers for the assembly and testing of plant species in conservation programs, including the use, administration, and disposition of lands under the administration of the Soil Conservation Service for such purposes under title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010-1011).

(v) Providing leadership in the inventorying and monitoring of soil, water, land, and related resources of the Nation.

(4) Administer the watershed protection and flood prevention programs, including:

(i) The 11 authorized watershed projects under Public Law 534, 78th Congress, 33 U.S.C. 701b-1, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service.

(ii) The emergency flood control work under section 216 of Public Law 516, 81st Congress, 33 U.S.C. 701b-1, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service.

(iii) The cooperative river basin surveys and investigations programs under section 6 of Public Law 566, 83rd Congress, 16 U.S.C. 1006, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service. Representation on the Water Resources Council and river basin commissions created by Public Law 89-80, 42 U.S.C. 1962, and on river basin interagency committees.

(iv) The pilot watershed projects under Public Law 46, 74th Congress, 16 U.S.C. 590a-f, and Public Law 156, 83rd Congress, except for responsibilities assigned to the Forest Service.

(v) The watershed protection and flood prevention program under Public Law 566, 83rd Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1001-1009, except for responsibilities assigned to the Farmers Home Administration and the Forest Service.

(vi) The joint investigations and surveys with the Department of the Army under Public Law 87-639, 16 U.S.C. 1009.

(5) Administer the Great Plains Conservation program under Public Law 1021, 84th Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 590p(b).

(6) Administer the Resource Conservation and Development program under Public Laws 46, 74th Congress, and 703, 87th Congress, as amended 16 U.S.C. 590a and 7 U.S.C. 1010-1011, except for responsibilities assigned to the Farmers Home Administration.

(7) Responsibility for entering into long-term contracts for carrying out conservation and environmental measures in watershed areas.

(8) Administer responsiblities and functions assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.), and the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2251 et seq.), relating to agricultural lands and water.

(b) Reservations. The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research, and Education:

(1) Executing cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding containing representations in the name of the Secretary or the Department of Agriculture as a whole, including the cooperation of the Department with conservation districts and other districts organized for soil and water conservation within the States, territories, and possessions.

(2) Giving final approval and transmitting to the Congress watershed work plans that require congressional approval; and approving and transmitting to the Congress comprehensive river basin reports.

(3) Approving additions to authorized Resource Conservation and Development Projects.

(4) Land use policy evaluation and coordination.

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2.65 Administrator, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

(a) Delegations. Pursuant to 2.21(a), subject to the reservations in 2.22(a), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs to the Administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

(1) Administer the acreage allotment and farm marketing quota program under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.).

(2) Coordinate and prevent duplication of aerial photographic work of the Department, including: (i) Clearing of photography projects; (ii) assigning symbols for new aerial photography, maintaining symbol records, and furnishing symbol books; (iii) recording departmental aerial photography flown and coordinating the issuance of aerial photography status maps of latest coverage; (iv) promoting interchange of technical information and techniques to develop lower costs and better quality; (v) representing the Department on the Interagency Committee on Sales Prices of Aerial Photographic and Satellite Imagery Reproductions and serving as liaison with other governmental agencies on aerial photography and related activities including classification of departmental aerial photography but excluding mapping; and (vi) providing a Chairman for the Photgraphy Sales Committee of the Department.

(3) Administer the rural environmental programs (except the Great Plains program) and diversion programs under Title X of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1501 et. seq.) and under section 7 to 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590g et seq.).

(4) Administer the land stabilization conservation, and erosion program authorized by section 203 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, as amended (40 U.S.C. App. 203) with assistance from the Soil Conservation Service.

(5) Administer the beekeeper indemnity payment program under section 804 of the Agricultural Act of 1970, as amended (7 U.S.C. 135b note).

(6) Administer the conservation reserve program under the Soil Bank Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1801 note).

(7) Administer the cropland adjustment program under title VI of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1938).

(8) Administer the cropland conversion program under section 16(e) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590p(e)).

(9) Administer the dairy indemnity program under Public Law 90-484, as amended (7 U.S.C. 450j-1).

(10) Administer responsibilities and functions assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.), and the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2251 et seq.), relating to agricultural production; food processing, storage, and distribution; distribution of farm equipment and fertilizer; rehabilitation and use of food, agricultural and related agribusiness facilities; and resources of the Commodity Credit Corporation, on behalf of that corporation.

(11) [Reserved]

(12) Administer the emergency conservation program under Public Law 85-58, as amended (71 Stat. 177).

(13) Conduct fiscal, accounting and claims functions relating to CCC programs for which the Foreign Agricultural Service has been delegated authority under 2.68, and in participation with other agencies of the U.S. Government to develop and formulate amendments to credit agreements under title I, Public Law 480, and the export credit sales program involving the rescheduling of amounts due from foreign countries under such agreements.

(14) Administer the feed grain program under section 105 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1441 note).

(15) Administer the haybank program pursuant to section 805, of the Agricultural Act of 1970 (7 U.S.C. 1339d).

(16) Serve as focal point in the Department for consultation on the leasing of federally owned farm lands to insure consistency with the Government's farm programs to reduce production of price-supported crops in surplus supply and determine and proclaim agricultural commodities in surplus supply, pursuant to Presidential memorandum of May 21, 1956.

(17) Administer assigned activities under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act (50 U.S.C. 98-98h).

(18) Liquidate obligations incurred under the Sugar Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1100 et seq.).

(19) [Reserved]

(20) Supervise and direct Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service State and county offices, and designate functions to be performed by Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service State and county committees.

(21) Administer the upland cotton program under section 103 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1444) and the extra long staple cotton program under section 101 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1441(f)).

(22) Administer the waterbank program under Public Law 91-599 (16 U.S.C. 1301-1311).

(23) Administer the wheat program under section 107 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1445a).

(24) Administer the distress and disaster relief under section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1427) and the Disaster Relief Act of 1970, Public Law 91-606, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4401).

(25) Administer the emergency livestock feed assistance program under section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, and Public Law 86-299, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1427 and 4127 note).

(26) Determine the quantities of agricultural commodities subject to price support available for export programs. Estimate and announce the types, quantities, and varieties of food commodities to become available for distribution under clause (3) of section 416, Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431).

(27) Administer programs to stabilize support, and protect farm income and prices and to assist in the maintenance of balanced and adequate supplies of agricultural commodities, including programs to sell or otherwise dispose of and aid in the disposition of such commodities, except those specified in 2.17(d), 2.21(b), and 2.21(d).

(28) Administer procurement, processing, handling, distribution, disposition, transportation, payment, and related services on surplus removal and supply operations, under section 5(b), (c), and (d) of the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c (b), (c), and (d)), section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431), section 210 of the Agricultural Act of 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1859), the Act of August 19, 1958, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431 note), and section 709 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1446a), except as specified in 2.17(d) and 2.21(d), and assist the Agricultural Marketing Service in the procurement, handling, payment, and related services under section 32 of the Act of August 23, 1935, as amended (7 U.S.C. 612c), and the National School Lunch Act of 1946, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1755).

(29) Adminster commodity procurement and supply, transportation (other than from point of export except for movement to trust territories or possessions), handling, payment, and related services in connection with programs under title II of Public Law 480 (7 U.S.C. 1721-1725), and payment and related services for the Foreign Agricultural Service with respect to export subsidy and barter operations, operations under title I of Public Law 480, and the export credit sales program.

(30) Administer wool and mohair programs under section 704 of the National Wool Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1783), and under the authority of section 708 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 1787), conduct producer referendums, withhold funds (for advertising and promotion) from payments made to producers under section 704, and transfer such funds to the person or agency designated by the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services.

2.70 Administrator, Farmers Home Administration.

(a) Delegation. Pursuant to 2.23(a), subject to reservations in 2.24(a), and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development, the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development to the Administrator, Farmers Home Administration:

(1) Administration of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (Act) except (i) financing under section 306(a)(1) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(1), of any rural electrification or telephone systems or facilities other than supplemental and supporting structures if they are not eligible for Rural Electrification Administration financing; (ii) the authority contained in section 342 of the Act, 7 U.S.C. 1013a; and (iii) the authority contained in section 306(a)(13) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(13). This delegation includes the authority to collect, service, and liquidate loans made or insured by the Farmers Home Administration or its predecessor agencies, the Farm Security Administration, the Emergency Crop and Feed Loans Offices of the Farm Credit Administration, the Resettlement Administration, and the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Washington, D.C.

(2) Administration of title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.), except those functions pertaining to research.

(3) Administration of the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Trust Liquidation Act (40 U.S.C. 440 et seq.), and under trust, liquidation, and other agreements entered into pursuant thereto.

(4) Administration of section 8, and those functions with respect to repayment of obligations under section 4, of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1006a, 1004).

(5) Administration of the Resource Conservation and Development loan program to assist in carrying out Resource Conservation and Development projects in rural areas under section 32(e) of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011(e)).

(6) Administration of loan programs in the Appalachian region under sections 203 and 204 of the Appalchian Regional Development Act of 1965 (40 U.S.C. app. 204).

(7) Administration of Farmers Home Administration assets conveyed in trust under the Participation Sales Act of 1966 (12 U.S.C. 1717).

(8) Administration of the emergency loan and guarantee programs and the rural housing disaster program under sections 232, 234, and 253 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-606), the Disaster Relief Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-79), Public Law 92-385 approved August 16, 1972, and the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-357).

(9) Administration of loans to homestead or desertland entrymen and purchasers of land in reclamation projects or to an entryman under the desertland law (7 U.S.C. 1006a and 1006b).

(10) Administration of loans to Indian tribes and tribal corporations (25 U.S.C. 488-492).

(11) Administer financial assistance programs under part A of title III and part D of title I and the necessarily related functions in title VI of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2763-2768, 2841-2855, 2942, 2943(b), 2961) delegated by the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity to the Secretary of Agriculture by documents dated October 23, 1964 (29 FR 14764), and June 17, 1968 (33 FR 9850), respectively.

(12) Administer the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 and joint regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Attorney General and the Comptroller General with respect to claims of the Farmers Home Administration (31 U.S.C. 951, 953; 4 CFR, ch. II).

(13) Servicing, collection, settlement, and liquidation of:

(i) Deferred land purchase obligations of individuals under the Wheeler-Case Act of August 11, 1939, as amended (16 U.S.C. 590y), and under the item, "Water Conservation and Utilization Projects" in the Department of the Interior Appropriation Act, 1940 (53 Stat. 719, as amended).

(ii) Puerto Rican hurricane relief loans under the act of July 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 525).

(iii) Loans made in conformance with section 4 of the "Southeast Hurricane Disaster Relief Act of 1965." (79 Stat. 1301).

(14) Administer responsibilities and functions assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.), and the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2251 et seq.), relating to rural credit and financial assistance.

(b) Reservations. The following authorities are reserved to the Assistant Secretary for Rural Development:

(1) Making and issuing notes to the Secretary of the Treasury for the purposes of the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund and the Rural Development Insurance Fund as authorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1929, 1929(a)) and the Rural Housing Insurance Fund as authorized by title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 1487).

(2) Administering loans for rural electrification and telephone facilities and service in rural areas of 1,500 or less as authorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.).

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